THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) The possibility of establishing an Export Processing Zone at Visakhapatnam is being explored. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have in this connection suggested a few locations.

Introduction of paying guest accommodation in Delhi

1554. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce a paying guest accommodation scheme in Delhi in order to augment the availability of accommodation for tourists; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the Scheme have yet to be worked out by Delhi Administration.

Underpayment to workers of B.C.C.L.

1555. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of violation of Contract Labour (Abolition and Regulation) Act and underpayment to the workers of BCCL detected by the Central Labour Departments at Dhanbad till 1st March, 1987; and

(b) the steps being taken in each of the cases so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hindustan Diamond Company Limited

1556. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bank of Bermuda with which the Government of India is a partner in the Hindustan Diamond Company Limited, has no diamond business or has any experience relating to that business (Patriot report dated 6th February, 1987);

(b) whether the continuance of such partnership with a foreign firm in a trading activity runs counter to declared policy of the Government of India; and

(c) how much foreign exchange has been paid to Bank of Bermuda annually by way of dividends, directors' fees, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) In order to improve the availability of rough diamonds in the country for processing and re-export, Government permitted the Bank of Bermuda to participate in equity shareholding in the Hindustan Diamond Company Ltd. The Bank of Bermuda offered to help the Company procure rough diamonds on a regular basis. The Bank also agreed to provide for training of the Company's personnel in the evaluation and assortment of rough diamonds.

(c) The dividend paid to the Bank of Bermuda since the inception of Hindustan Diamond Company Ltd. has been as follows:—

	Net dividend remitted in foreign exchange (Rupees)
1979-80	47,250.00
1980-81	94,500.00
1981-82	94,500.00
1982-83	1,18,125.00
1983-84	1,57,500.00
1984-85	1,57,500.00
1985-86	78,750.00
Total :	7,48,125.00

No Foreign exchange has been paid to the Bank of Bermuda by way of directors' fee etc.